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SUBJ: SAG DENIES BUTHELEZI A SWISS SECRETARY

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1. CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR KWAZULU, HAS ATTACKED SAG FOR REFUSING WORK PERMIT TO WHITE SECRETARY OFFERED HIM BY SWISS CHURCHES, AND HAS CHARACTERIZED POTENTIAL KWAZULU INDEPENDENCE AS "SO MUCH EYEWASH". IN INTERVIEW WITH NATAL MERCURY BUTHELEZI SAID HE WAS OFFERED SECRETARIAL SERVICES OF MISS KATHI HARTMANN (SWISS) BY LAY ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATIONS OF EUROPE DURING HIS VISIT TO CONFERENCE OF SAME IN DEC 1972. (REFAIR) BUTHELEZI EMPHASIZED HARTMANN WAS TO HELP WITH HIS CORRESPONDENCE, SPEECH WRITING AND CREATION OF KWAZULU INFORMATION CENTER AT EXPENSE OF SWISS CHURCH ASSOCIATION.

2. THIS LATEST INCIDENT FOLLOWS REPORTED SAG VISA REFUSAL TO DR. HERSCHELLE CHALLENGER, A BLACK U.S. PROFESSOR OF AFRICAN STUDIES WHO BUTHELEZI HAD REPORTEDLY ASKED TO BECOME AN
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EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR FOR KWAZULU.

3. APPARENTLY HARTMANN OFFER MADE ONLY AFTER BUTHELEZI CONVINCED DELEGATES TO ABOVE CONFERENCE THAT HE WAS NOT "A GOVERNMENT PUPPET". KWAZULU CABINET PASSED RESOLUTION ENDORSING HARTMANN'S PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT BUT EVIDENTLY SAG HAS REFUSED HER A WORK PERMIT. ACCORDING TO BUTHELEZI, P.H. TORLAGE, COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR KWAZULU, TOLD HIM THAT IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IT WAS FELT THAT BUTHELEZI SHOULD EMPLOY HIS OWN PEOPLE TO PROVIDE SUCH PERSONAL ASSISTANCE. BUTHELEZI CLAIMS HE UNSUCCESSFULLY APPEALED DECISION TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER. SECINT FOURIE TOLD PRESS, "IT IS OUR POLICY TO GIVE WORK PERMITS ONLY TO PEOPLE WHOSE SKILLS ARE NEEDED HERE. THERE IS NO SCARCITY OF PEOPLE IN THE CLERICAL OR SECRETARIAL PROFESSION."

4. BUTHELEZI'S REACTION: "BY DECIDING TO REFUSE US AID GIVEN IN THE FORM OF PERSONNEL, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DONE ITSELF A GREAT DISSERVICE. DOUBTING THOMASES WITHIN AND WITHOUT SA WILL SEE THE SELF-GOVERNMENT POLICY FOR BLACKS AS A SHAM AND A FRAUD. THE DECISION OF THE KWAZULU GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TREATED WITH UTTER CONTEMPT AND IT IS NOW CLEAR TO ALL THAT 'INDEPENDENCE TOMORROW' IS SO MUCH EYEWASH."

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